

### Remarks

By this Amendment, the specification is amended to correct a minor informality, claims 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 41-45, 47, 50-55 and 60-70 are amended, and claims 1-30, 34, 37, 46 and 56-59 are canceled. After entry of this amendment, claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-45, 47-55 and 60-70 will be pending. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30, 34, 37, 46 and 56-59 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite prosecution and for economic reasons. Applicants reserve all rights to pursue these and similar claims in a continuing application.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 38-40, 42, 47-49, 51, 69 and 70.

Allowable claim 38 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 37. Claim 38 is also amended to delete the word "being," which is a typographical error. Claims 39, 40, 43, 44, 45 and 60-63 depend from claim 38 and thus are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 38.

Allowable claim 42 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 37. Thus, claim 42 is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Allowable claim 47 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 46. Claims 48-50, 52-55 and 64-68 depend from claim 47. Thus, these claims are also believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Allowable claim 51 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 46. Thus, claim 51 is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Allowable claim 69 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 37. Thus, claim 69 is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Allowable claim 70 is amended to include all of the features of base claim 46. Thus, claim 70 is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Claim 31 is amended to recite that the secondary arm has a "multi-function electronic control unit coupled to one of the multiple segments, the control unit having wiring extending through at least one of the multiple segments," similar to claim 38. Thus, claim 31 should be allowable.

Claims 32 and 33 depend from claim 31, and thus these claims are also believed to be allowable. Claim 33 has been amended to specify "a pivot path" to obviate the antecedent basis objection raised in the Office action.

Independent claim 35 is amended to recite "a multi-function electronic control unit coupled to one of the elements and having wiring extending through at least one of the elements," similar to allowable claim 38. Thus, claim 35 is believed to be allowable.

Independent claim 36 is amended to recite a "a multi-function electronic control unit coupled to one of the segments of the support arm and having wiring extending through at least one of the segments," similar to claim 38. Thus, claim 36 is believed to be allowable.

Based on the above amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,427,382 to Hoffmeister and the rejection under §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,550,892 to Propst are moot.

Applicants request the Examiner to indicate her consideration of the references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2005 and the unique references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 2, 2005.

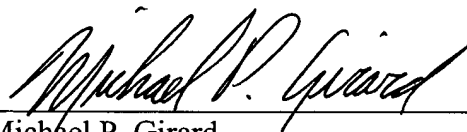
Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the July 19, 2005 telephone interview. During the interview, Applicants discussed claims 31, 34, 35, 36, and 56 in detail, and other claims in general, in connection with the Hoffmeister prior art reference. Applicants take the position that Hoffmeister does not show any arm configured for connection to a rear of a dental chair, because Hoffmeister shows only that arms can be connected to a side of the dental chair. The Examiner did not agree with this position. Although Applicants believe the Examiner is incorrect, the pending claims have been amended in accordance with the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office action to expedite prosecution. Applicants may pursue additional claims in other applications.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner

believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

KLARQUIST SPARKMAN, LLP

By   
Michael P. Girard  
Registration No. 38,467

One World Trade Center, Suite 1600  
121 S.W. Salmon Street  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
Telephone: (503) 595-5300  
Facsimile: (503) 595-5301